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Biderivations and Bihomomorphisms in Banach Algebras

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Abstract. In this paper, we solve the following bi-additive s-functional inequalities

$$\left\| f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z) \right\|$$

$$\le \left\| s \left(2f \left(x+y,z-w \right) + 2f \left(x-y,z+w \right) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w) \right) \right\|$$
 (1)

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| s\left(f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z) \right) \right\|, \end{aligned}$$
(2)

where *s* is a fixed nonzero complex number with |s| < 1.

Moreover, we prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of biderivations and bihomomorphismsions in Banach algebras and unital C^{*}-algebras, associated with the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2).

1. Introduction and preliminaries

The stability problem of functional equations originated from a question of Ulam [23] concerning the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [12] gave a first affirmative partial answer to the question of Ulam for Banach spaces. Hyers' Theorem was generalized by Aoki [1] for additive mappings and by Rassias [21] for linear mappings by considering an unbounded Cauchy difference. A generalization of the Rassias theorem was obtained by Găvruta [9] by replacing the unbounded Cauchy difference by a general control function in the spirit of Rassias' approach.

Gilányi [10] showed that if f satisfies the functional inequality

$$||2f(x) + 2f(y) - f(x - y)|| \le ||f(x + y)||$$

then *f* satisfies the Jordan-von Neumann functional equation

$$2f(x) + 2f(y) = f(x + y) + f(x - y).$$

See also [22]. Fechner [8] and Gilányi [11] proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional inequality (3).

(3)

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Park [18–20] defined additive ρ -functional inequalities and proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of the additive ρ -functional inequalities in Banach spaces and non-Archimedean Banach spaces. The stability problems of various functional equations and functional inequalities have been extensively investigated by a number of authors (see [2, 4–7, 16, 25]).

Maksa [14, 15] introduced and investigated biderivations and symmetric biderivations on rings. Öztürk and Sapanci [17], Vukman [24] and Yazarli [26] investigated some properties of symmetric biderivations on rings.

Definition 1.1. [14, 15] *Let A be a ring. A bi-additive mapping* $D : A \times A \rightarrow A$ *is called a symmetric biderivation on A if D satisfies*

$$D(xy,z) = D(x,z)y + xD(y,z),$$

$$D(x,y) = D(y,x)$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

In this paper, we introduce biderivations and bihomomorphisms in a Banach algebra.

Definition 1.2. *Let A be a complex Banach algebra. A* \mathbb{C} *-bilinear mapping* $D : A \times A \rightarrow A$ *is called a biderivation on A if D satisfies*

D(xy,z) = D(x,z)y + xD(y,z),D(x,zw) = D(x,z)w + zD(x,w)

for all $x, y, z, w \in A$.

It is easy to show that if *D* is a biderivation, then

D(xy, zw) = D(x, z)wy + zD(x, w)y + xD(y, z)w + xzD(y, w)

for all $x, y, z, w \in A$.

Definition 1.3. Let A and B be complex Banach algebras. A \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A \times A \rightarrow B$ is called a bihomomorphism if H satisfies

 $H(xy,z^2) = H(x,z)H(y,z),$ $H(x^2,zw) = H(x,z)H(x,w)$

for all $x, y, z, w \in A$.

This paper is organized as follows: In Sections 2 and 3, we solve the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2) and prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2) in complex Banach spaces. In Section 4, we investigate biderivations on Banach algebras and unital C^* -algebras associated with the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2). In Section 5, we investigate bihomomorphisms in Banach algebras and unital C^* -algebras associated with the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2).

Throughout this paper, let *X* be a complex normed space and *Y* a complex Banach space. Let *A* and *B* be complex Banach algebras. Assume that *s* is a fixed nonzero complex number with |s| < 1.

2. Bi-additive s-functional inequality (1)

We solve and investigate the bi-additive s-functional inequality (1) in complex normed spaces.

Lemma 2.1. If a mapping $f : X^2 \to Y$ satisfies f(0, z) = f(x, 0) = 0 and

$$\|f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z)\| \le \|s(2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w))\|$$
(4)

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$, then $f : X^2 \to Y$ is bi-additive.

Proof. Assume that $f : X^2 \to Y$ satisfies (4).

Letting x = y and w = 0 in (4), we get f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in X$.

Letting w = 0 in (4), we get f(x + y, z) + f(x - y, z) = 2f(x, z) and so $f(x_1, z) + f(y_1, z) = 2f(\frac{x_1+y_1}{2}, z) = f(x_1 + y_1, z)$ for all $x_1 := x + y, y_1 := x - y, z \in X$, since |s| < 1 and f(0, z) = 0 for all $z \in X$. So $f : X^2 \to Y$ is additive in the first variable.

Similarly, one can show that $f : X^2 \to Y$ is additive in the second variable. Hence $f : X^2 \to Y$ is bi-additive. \Box

We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the bi-additive *s*-functional inequality (4) in complex Banach spaces.

Theorem 2.2. Let r > 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X^2 \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 and

$$\|f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z)\|$$

$$\le \|s(2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w))\|$$

$$+ \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)(\|z\|^r + \|w\|^r)$$
(5)

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. Then there exists a unique bi-additive mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - A(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2^r-2)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(6)

for all $x, z \in X$.

Proof. Letting w = 0 and y = x in (5), we get

$$2(1 - |s|)||f(2x, z) - 2f(x, z)|| \le 2\theta ||x||^r ||z||^r$$
(7)

for all $x, z \in X$. So

$$\left\| f(x,z) - 2f\left(\frac{x}{2},z\right) \right\| \le \frac{1}{(1-|s|)2^r} \theta \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{l}}, z\right) - 2^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}, z\right) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| 2^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}, z\right) - 2^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{r}} \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{j}}{(1-|s|)2^{rj}} \theta \|x\|^{r} \|z\|^{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tag{8}$$

for all nonnegative integers *m* and *l* with m > l and all $x, z \in X$. It follows from (8) that the sequence $\{2^k f(\frac{x}{2^k}, z)\}$ is Cauchy for all $x, z \in X$. Since *Y* is a Banach space, the sequence $\{2^k f(\frac{x}{2^k}, z)\}$ converges. So one can define the mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ by

$$A(x,z) := \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit $m \to \infty$ in (8), we get (6). It follows from (5) that

$$\begin{split} \|A(x+y,z+w) + A(x+y,z-w) + A(x-y,z+w) + A(x-y,z-w) - 4A(x,z)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| 2^n \left(f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}, z+w\right) + f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}, z-w\right) + f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}, z+w\right) \right. \\ &+ f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}, z-w\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left\| 2^n s \left(2f\left(\frac{x+y}{2^n}, z-w\right) + 2f\left(\frac{x-y}{2^n}, z+w\right) - 4f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right) + 4f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}, w\right) \right) \right\| \\ &+ \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{2^n}{2^{rn}} \theta(\||x\|^r + \||y\|^r) (\||z\|^r + \|w\|^r) \\ &\leq \left\| s \left(2A \left(x+y, z-w \right) + A \left(x-y, z+w \right) - 4A(x,z) + 4A(y,w) \right) \right\| \end{split}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x+y,z+w) + A(x+y,z-w) + A(x-y,z+w) + A(x-y,z-w) - 4A(x,z)\| \\ \leq \left\| s \left(2A \left(x+y,z-w \right) + 2A \left(x-y,z+w \right) - 4A(x,z) + 4A(y,w) \right) \right\| \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. By Lemma 2.1, the mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ is bi-additive.

Now, let $T : X^2 \to Y$ be another bi-additive mapping satisfying (6). Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} ||A(x,z) - T(x,z)|| &= \left\| 2^{q}A\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) - 2^{q}T\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| 2^{q}A\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) - 2^{q}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) \right\| + \left\| 2^{q}T\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) - 2^{q}f\left(\frac{x}{2^{q}},z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{2\theta}{(1-|s|)(2^{r}-2)} \frac{2^{q}}{2^{qr}} ||x||^{r} ||z||^{r}, \end{aligned}$$

which tends to zero as $q \to \infty$ for all $x, z \in X$. So we can conclude that A(x, z) = T(x, z) for all $x, z \in X$. This proves the uniqueness of A, as desired. \Box

Theorem 2.3. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X^2 \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying (5) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique bi-additive mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - A(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2-2^r)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(9)

for all $x, z \in X$.

Proof. It follows from (7) that

$$\left\| f(x,z) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x,z) \right\| \le \frac{\theta}{2(1-|s|)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{l}} f(2^{l}x,z) - \frac{1}{2^{m}} f(2^{m}x,z) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{j}} f\left(2^{j}x,z\right) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} f\left(2^{j+1}x,z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{rj}}{(1-|s|)2^{j+1}} \theta ||x||^{r} ||z||^{r} \end{aligned}$$
(10)

for all nonnegative integers *m* and *l* with m > l and all $x, z \in X$. It follows from (10) that the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^n}f(2^nx,z)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, z \in X$. Since *Y* is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^n}f(2^nx,z)\}$ converges. So one can define the mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ by

$$A(x,z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, z)$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit $m \to \infty$ in (10), we get (9).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2. \Box

3. Bi-additive s-functional inequality (2)

We solve and investigate the bi-additive s-functional inequality (2) in complex normed spaces.

Lemma 3.1. If a mapping $f : X^2 \rightarrow Y$ satisfies f(0, z) = f(x, 0) = 0 and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| s\left(f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z) \right) \right\| \end{aligned}$$
(11)

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$, then $f : X^2 \to Y$ is bi-additive.

Proof. Assume that $f : X^2 \to Y$ satisfies (11).

Letting y = x and w = 0 in (11), we get 2f(2x, z) = 4f(x, z) for all $x, z \in X$.

Letting w = 0 in (4), we get f(x + y, z) + f(x - y, z) = 2f(x, z) and so $f(x_1, z) + f(y_1, z) = 2f(\frac{x_1+y_1}{2}, z) = f(x_1 + y_1, z)$ for all $x_1 := x + y, y_1 := x - y, z \in X$, since $|s| \le 1$ and f(0, z) = 0 for all $z \in X$. So $f : X^2 \to Y$ is additive in the first variable.

Similarly, one can show that $f : X^2 \to Y$ is additive in the second variable. Hence $f : X^2 \to Y$ is bi-additive. \Box

We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of the bi-additive *s*-functional inequality (11) in complex Banach spaces.

Theorem 3.2. Let r > 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X^2 \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| s\left(f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z) \right) \right\| \\ &+ \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)(\|z\|^r + \|w\|^r) \end{aligned}$$
(12)

for all $x, y, z, w \in X$. Then there exists a unique bi-additive mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ such that

$$||f(x,z) - A(x,z)|| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2^r-2)} ||x||^r ||z||^r$$
(13)

for all $x, z \in X$.

Proof. Letting y = x and w = 0 in (12), we get

$$2(1 - |s|) \left\| f(2x, z) - 2f(x, z) \right\| \le 2\theta ||x||^r ||z||^r$$
(14)

for all $x, z \in X$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2^{l} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{l}}, z\right) - 2^{m} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{m}}, z\right) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| 2^{j} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j}}, z\right) - 2^{j+1} f\left(\frac{x}{2^{j+1}}, z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{j} \theta}{(1-|s|) 2^{rj+r}} ||x||^{r} ||z||^{r} \end{aligned}$$
(15)

for all nonnegative integers *m* and *l* with m > l and all $x, z \in X$. It follows from (15) that the sequence $\{2^k f(\frac{x}{2^k}, z)\}$ is Cauchy for all $x, z \in X$. Since *Y* is a Banach space, the sequence $\{2^k f(\frac{x}{2^k}, z)\}$ converges. So one can define the mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ by

$$A(x,z) := \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^k f\left(\frac{x}{2^k}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit $m \to \infty$ in (15), we get (13).

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2. \Box

Theorem 3.3. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers and let $f : X^2 \to Y$ be a mapping satisfying (12) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in X$. Then there exists a unique bi-additive mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - A(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2-2^r)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(16)

for all $x, z \in X$.

Proof. It follows from (14) that

$$\left\| f(x,z) - \frac{1}{2}f(2x,z) \right\| \le \frac{\theta}{2(1-|s|)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{l}} f(2^{l}x,z) - \frac{1}{2^{m}} f(2^{m}x,z) \right\| &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \left\| \frac{1}{2^{j}} f\left(2^{j}x,z\right) - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} f\left(2^{j+1}x,z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=l}^{m-1} \frac{2^{rj}}{(1-|s|)2^{j+1}} \theta ||x||^{r} ||z||^{r} \end{aligned}$$

$$(17)$$

for all nonnegative integers *m* and *l* with m > l and all $x, z \in X$. It follows from (17) that the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^n}f(2^nx,z)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x, z \in X$. Since *Y* is complete, the sequence $\{\frac{1}{2^n}f(2^nx,z)\}$ converges. So one can define the mapping $A : X^2 \to Y$ by

$$A(x,z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} f(2^n x, z)$$

for all $x, z \in X$. Moreover, letting l = 0 and passing the limit $m \to \infty$ in (17), we get (16). The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.2. \Box

4. Biderivations on Banach algebras

Now, we investigate biderivations on complex Banach algebras and unital C*-algebras associated with the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2).

Lemma 4.1. [3, Lemma 2.1] Let $f : X^2 \to Y$ be a bi-additive mapping such that $f(\lambda x, \mu z) = \lambda \mu f(x, z)$ for all $x, z \in X$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{v \in \mathbb{C} : |v| = 1\}$. Then f is \mathbb{C} -bilinear.

Theorem 4.2. Let A be a complex Banach algebra. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 and

$$\|f(\lambda(x+y),\mu(z+w)) + f(\lambda(x+y),\mu(z-w)) + f(\lambda(x-y),\mu(z+w)) + f(\lambda(x-y),\mu(z-w)) - 4\lambda\mu f(x,z)\|$$

$$\leq \|s(2f(x+y,z-w) + 2f(x-y,z+w) - 4f(x,z) + 4f(y,w))\| + \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)(\|z\|^r + \|w\|^r)$$

$$(18)$$

for all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1 := \{v \in \mathbb{C} : |v| = 1\}$ and all $x, y, z, w \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D: A^2 \to A$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - D(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2^r-2)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(19)

for all $x, z \in A$.

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) and

$$||f(xy,z) - f(x,z)y - xf(y,z)|| \le \theta(||x||^r + ||y||^r)||z||^r,$$
(20)

$$||f(x, zw) - f(x, z)w - zf(x, w)|| \le \theta ||x||^r (||z||^r + ||w||^r)$$
(21)

for all $x, y, z, w \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Proof. Let $\lambda = \mu = 1$ in (18). By Theorem 2.2, there is a unique bi-additive mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (19) defined by

$$D(x,z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in A$.

Letting y = w = 0 in (18), we get $f(\lambda x, \mu z) = \lambda \mu f(x, z)$ for all $x, z \in A$ and all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$. By Lemma 4.1, the bi-additive mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ is \mathbb{C} -bilinear.

If f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$, then we can easily show that D(x, z) = f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$. It follows from (20) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|D(xy,z) - D(x,z)y - xD(y,z)\| &= \lim_{n \to \infty} 4^n \left\| f\left(\frac{xy}{2^n \cdot 2^n}, z\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right) \frac{y}{2^n} - \frac{x}{2^n} f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}, z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4^n \theta}{2^{rn}} (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \|z\|^r = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$. Thus

$$D(xy,z) = D(x,z)y + xD(y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Similarly, one can show that

$$D(x, zw) = D(x, z)w + zD(x, w)$$

for all $x, z, w \in A$. Hence the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation. \Box

Theorem 4.3. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - D(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2-2^r)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(22)

for all $x, z \in A$.

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (20), (21) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.2. \Box

Similarly, we can obtain the following results.

Theorem 4.4. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| 2f\left(\lambda(x+y),\mu(z-w)\right) + 2f\left(\lambda(x-y),\mu(z+w)\right) - 4\lambda\mu f(x,z) + 4\lambda\mu f(y,w) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| s\left(f(x+y,z+w) + f(x+y,z-w) + f(x-y,z+w) + f(x-y,z-w) - 4f(x,z)\right) \right\| \\ &+ \theta(\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r)(\|z\|^r + \|w\|^r) \end{aligned}$$
(23)

for all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{T}^1$ and all $x, y, z, w \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D: A^2 \to A$ such that

$$\|f(x,z) - D(x,z)\| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2^r-2)} \|x\|^r \|z\|^r$$
(24)

for all $x, z \in A$.

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (20), (21) and f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Theorem 4.5. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (23) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ such that

$$||f(x,z) - D(x,z)|| \le \frac{\theta}{(1-|s|)(2-2^r)} ||x||^r ||z||^r$$
(25)

for all $x, z \in A$.

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (20), (21) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

From now on, assume that A is a unital C^* -algebra with unit *e* and unitary group U(A).

Theorem 4.6. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (19). If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (21), f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) and

$$\|f(uy,z) - f(u,z)y - uf(y,z)\| \le \theta(1 + \|y\|^r) \|z\|^r,$$
(26)

$$||f(x,zv) - f(x,z)v - zf(x,v)|| \le \theta(1 + ||y||^r)||z||^r$$
(27)

for all $u, v \in U(A)$ and all $x, y, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Proof. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 4.2, there is a unique C-bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (19) defined by

$$D(x,z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in A$.

If f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$, then we can easily show that D(x, z) = f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$.

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 4.2, D(uy, z) = D(u, z)y + uD(y, z) for all $u, v \in U(A)$ and all $y, z \in A$.

Since *D* is \mathbb{C} -linear in the first variable and each $x \in A$ is a finite linear combination of unitary elements (see [13]), i.e., $x = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_j u_j$ ($\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $u_j \in U(A)$),

$$D(xy,z) = D(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}u_{j}y,z) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}D(u_{j}y,z) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}(D(u_{j},z)y + u_{j}D(y,z))$$
$$= (\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j})D(u_{j},z)y + (\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}u_{j})D(y,z) = D(x,z)y + xD(y,z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Similarly, one can show that D(x, zw) = D(x, z)w + zD(x, w) for all $x, z, w \in A$. Thus $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation. \Box

Theorem 4.7. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (22). If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (26), (27) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 4.6. \Box

Similarly, we can obtain the following results.

Theorem 4.8. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (23) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (24).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (26), (27) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

Theorem 4.9. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to A$ be a mapping satisfying (23) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $D : A^2 \to A$ satisfying (25). If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ satisfies (26), (27) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to A$ is a biderivation.

5. Bihomomorphisms in Banach algebras

Now, we investigate bihomomorphisms in complex Banach algebras and unital *C**-algebras associated with the bi-additive *s*-functional inequalities (1) and (2).

Theorem 5.1. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 and (18). Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (19), where D is replaced by H in (19).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ satisfies f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) and

$$\|f(xy,z^{2}) - f(x,z)f(y,z)\| \le \theta(\|x\|^{r} + \|y\|^{r})\|z\|^{r},$$
(28)

$$||f(x^{2}, zw) - f(x, z)f(x, w)|| \le \theta ||x||^{r} (||z||^{r} + ||w||^{r})$$
(29)

for all $x, y, z, w \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism.

Proof. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 4.2, there is a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$, which is defined by

$$H(x,z) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in A$.

If f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$, then we can easily show that H(x, z) = f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$. It follows from (28) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|H(xy,z^2) - H(x,z)H(y,z)\| &= \lim_{n \to \infty} 4^n \left\| f\left(\frac{xy}{2^n \cdot 2^n}, z^2\right) - f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right) f\left(\frac{y}{2^n}, z\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{4^n \theta}{2^{nn}} (\|x\|^r + \|y\|^r) \|z\|^r = 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$. Thus

$$H(xy, z^2) = H(x, z)H(y, z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Similarly, one can show that

$$H(x^2, zw) = H(x, z)H(x, w)$$

for all $x, z, w \in A$. Hence the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism. \Box

Theorem 5.2. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (22), where D is replaced by H in (22).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ satisfies (28), (29) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 5.1. \Box

Similarly, we can obtain the following results.

Theorem 5.3. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 and (23). Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (24), where D is replaced by H in (24).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ satisfies (28), (29) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism.

Theorem 5.4. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (23) and f(x, 0) = f(0, z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (25), where D is replaced by H in (25).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ satisfies (28), (29) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism.

From now on, assume that A is a unital C^* -algebra with unit *e* and unitary group U(A).

Theorem 5.5. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique \mathbb{C} -bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (19), where D is replaced by H in (19).

If, in addition, the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ satisfies f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) and

$$\|f(uy, z^2) - f(u, z)f(y, z)\| \le \theta(1 + \|y\|^r) \|z\|^r,$$
(30)

$$||f(x^2, zv) - f(x, z)f(x, v)|| \le \theta(1 + ||y||^r)||z||^r,$$

for all $u, v \in U(A)$ and all $x, y, z \in A$, then the mapping $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism.

Proof. By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 4.2, there is a unique C-bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \rightarrow B$ satisfying (19) defined by

$$H(x,z) := \lim_{n \to \infty} 2^n f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}, z\right)$$

for all $x, z \in A$.

If f(2x, z) = 2f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$, then we can easily show that H(x, z) = f(x, z) for all $x, z \in A$.

By the same reasoning as in the proof of Theorem 4.2, $H(uy, z^2) = H(u, z)H(y, z)$ for all $u, v \in U(A)$ and all $y, z \in A$.

Since *H* is \mathbb{C} -linear in the first variable and each $x \in A$ is a finite linear combination of unitary elements (see [13]), i.e., $x = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_j u_j$ ($\lambda_j \in \mathbb{C}$, $u_j \in U(A)$),

$$H(xy, z^{2}) = H(\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}u_{j}y, z^{2}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}H(u_{j}y, z^{2}) = \sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j}(H(u_{j}, z)H(y, z))$$
$$= (\sum_{j=1}^{m} \lambda_{j})H(u_{j}, z)H(y, z) = H(x, z)H(y, z)$$

for all $x, y, z \in A$.

Similarly, one can show that H(x, zw) = H(x, z)H(x, w) for all $x, z, w \in A$. Thus $f : A^2 \to B$ is a bihomomorphism. \Box

(31)

Theorem 5.6. Let r < 1 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (18) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x, z \in A$. Then there exists a unique C-bilinear mapping $H : A^2 \to B$ satisfying (22), where D is replaced by H in (22).

If, in addition, the mapping $f: A^2 \to B$ satisfies (30), (31) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x,z \in A$, then the mapping $f: A^2 \rightarrow B$ is a bihomomorphism.

Proof. The proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 5.7. \Box

Similarly, we can obtain the following results.

Theorem 5.7. Let r > 2 and θ be nonnegative real numbers, and let $f : A^2 \to B$ be a mapping satisfying (23) and f(x,0) = f(0,z) = 0 for all $x,z \in A$. Then there exists a unique C-bilinear mapping $H: A^2 \to B$ satisfying (24), where D is replaced by H in (24).

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If, in addition, the mapping $f: A^2 \to B$ satisfies (30), (31) and f(2x,z) = 2f(x,z) for all $x,z \in A$, then the mapping $f: A^2 \rightarrow B$ is a bihomomorphism.

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